



Together for the gospel:  
a walk through 1 Corinthians

# Can you see the wisdom & power?

1 Corinthians 1v18-25

Sunday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 2016

- Our philosophy: our perspective

- See the cross of Christ

- Power through weakness

Knowing  
Sharing **Jesus**



**Hockliffe Street**  
Baptist Church **Leighton Buzzard**

● **A message that divides the world (v18-21)**

● **Perishing : Being saved (v18)**

● **Worldly wisdom: foolishness to God (v19-21)**

● **God was pleased to save... (v21)**

● **Foolishness and weakness: the power of God (v22-25)**

•Miraculous signs (v22)

•Wisdom (v22)

•Christ crucified: wisdom and power (v24)

•Being 'Christ crucified people'.

**Conversation starter:**

What kind of a reputation do Christians have?



## Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

- In your own words, summarise the context Paul is writing into in Corinth, both in the church and the city. How is the culture of Corinth affecting the church?
- In what ways does our culture most affect our church? What are most people's 'guiding principles' (wisdom) in life? Are ours different?
- What does it mean that that many people find the 'message of the cross foolishness'? Can you think of any examples? What is your reaction to Paul's statement that they are 'perishing'? Why not pray, right now, for these people?
- Why is it God's purpose to make the wisdom of the world 'foolish' (v20)? Why is this good news?
- Do we ever experience people demanding 'miracles' or seeking 'wisdom'? Where? Do we demand or seek? Why will the gospel never be the answer people are looking for?
- How is Jesus Christ the wisdom of God? How is Jesus Christ the power of God? Why is believing the gospel worth persevering for, or for being thought of as weak and foolish for being a Christian? Do you ever experience this at work? How do you handle it?

Give thanks that the power of the cross reaches us through Christ and pray that it would lead to worship towards him in your hearts.